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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Original) An electronic retail system comprising:
a data entry device that facilitates selection of goods for an order by an originating user via a network connection;
a notification system that provides a notification to other selected users when an order is placed; and
an accumulator for accumulating orders from the other selected users for approval by the originating user.
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2 wherein the notification system sends the order with the notification to the other selected users.
3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the order is sent with the notification to the other selected users in a serial or parallel manner.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the order is sent with the notification to the other selected users in a manner that permits the users to access the order.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the order is sent with the notification to the other selected users by facilitating a tandem browsing session of the order with the originating user.
6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the order is sent with the notification by at least one of electronic mail, chat, instant messaging and tandem browsing.

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7. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein orders are accumulated for a selected period of time.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 7 wherein the predetermined selected period of time is selected by the originating user.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8 wherein the order is approved following the predetermined selected period of time and submitted to the electronic retail system for fulfillment.

10. through 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Withdrawn) An electronic retail system comprising:
means for generating an order by an originating user on the electronic retail system;
means for communicating the order to a non-originating user;
means for receiving additions to the order from the non-originating user; and
means for providing the order, including additions to the order, to the originating user for submission as a combined order.

25. (Withdrawn) The electronic retail system of claim 24, wherein the means for generating an order comprises a computer system coupled via a network to the an electronic retail system server.

26. (Withdrawn) The electronic retail system of claim 24 wherein the means for communicating the order to a non-originating user comprises an originating user network appliance.

27. (Withdrawn) The electronic retail system of claim 24 wherein the means for providing the order to the originating user comprises an electronic retail system server.

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28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the accumulator is configured to obtain approval from the originating user before submitting the order.

30. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the notification system is configured to provide the notification to all of the other users.

31. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the data entry device is configured to permit the other selected users to access the order that has been placed.

32. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the data entry device is configured to permit the other selected users to modify the order that has been placed.

33. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the accumulator is configured to create an order that includes any orders received from the other selected users after the other selected users have received the notification of the order.

34. (Previously presented) The electronic retail system of claim 1 wherein the data entry device is configured to receive a deadline for making modifications of the order by the selected users when the order is placed.

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35. (New) An electronic retail system comprising:

a network appliance including an order creation module configured to enable an originating user to select goods to create an order for submission of the order via a network connection;

a notification module configured to provide a notification to other selected users when the order is created by the originating user; and

an accumulator module configured to accumulate any orders from the other selected users in response to the notification and configured to provide any accumulated orders to the originating user for approval by the originating user to be submitted via the network connection.

36. (New) The electronic retail system of claim 35 wherein the notification module is located on the network appliance.

37. (New) The electronic retail system of claim 35 wherein the notification module is located on a server accessible by the network appliance via the network connection.

38. (New) The electronic retail system of claim 35 wherein the accumulator module is located on the network appliance.

39. (New) The electronic retail system of claim 35 wherein the accumulator module is located on a server accessible by the network appliance via the network connection.

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